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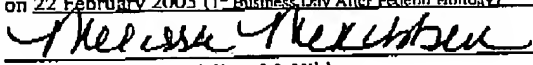
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Applicants: Perez et al. }  
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Serial No.: 10/782,286 }  
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Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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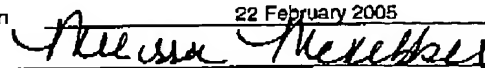
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